

## **SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

On page 11, line 9, please, add the paragraph:

-- FIGURE 6A is a fractional cross-sectional slice of one barb according to the present invention, comprising a proximal barb section and a distal barb section with a bent between the proximal barb section and the distal barb section, thereby forming an angle between the proximal barb section and the distal barb section. --

On page 15, line 29, please, add the following paragraph:

-- As better illustrated in Figure 6A, a bent 36b is located between the proximal barb section 36i and the distal barb section 36ii of the barb 36, thereby forming an angle A between the proximal barb section 36i and the distal barb section 36ii. It should be noted that the critical configuration and position of the barbs 36 of the present invention, the proximal barb section 36i is directed outwardly and the distal barb section outwardly, regardless of whether the fastener 10 is in an expanded position by the expanding member 28 or not. --